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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

DATE AUGUST 23, 1993 FILE NO. 093-23608-1122-055

C- ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON ON A PEACE OFFICER/ 245 (C) P.C./ DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING/SUSPECT DECEASED

Action Taken ACTIVE/INVESTIGATION MADE/ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE HELD/ CC#93-07755

V- SEE BELOW

D- 08-18-93 (THURSDAY) AT APPROXIMATELY 2015 HOURS

L- [redacted] BEECH AVENUE, (ALLEY) LANCASTER

S- [redacted], [redacted] MB/17, DOB: [redacted], (DECEASED) [redacted]
[redacted], [redacted] LKA: [redacted]

VICTIMS:

V#1 - HAGER, DARREN K. MW/[redacted] (DEPUTY SHERIFF) #[redacted]
V#2 - GEIGER, MARK D. MW/ (DEPUTY SHERIFF) #[redacted]
V#3 - [redacted], [redacted] MW/42 (INJURED)
[redacted]

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ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE HELD:

Item #28 - One expended .32 caliber shell casing found in the middle of the driveway at 45115 North Beech Avenue, Lancaster.

Items #29 - through #33 Five expended projectiles removed from the suspect during autopsy examination.

Item #34 - One paraphernalia smoking pipe containing what appeared to be marijuana residue and burnt roaches.

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On 08-18-93 Sergeant Perry and Investigator Bejarano were dispatched to [redacted] Beech Avenue (alley) in Lancaster to investigate the circumstances surrounding a deputy involved shooting and the death of Suspect [redacted].

Upon arrival at the location Investigators contacted Antelope Valley Sheriff's Station Personnel including Lieutenant D.

Collins, Sergeant M. Cleaves, and Deputies J. Murren, and E. Ruble who collectively related the following information. Uniformed Patrol Deputies Hager and Geiger shot Suspect Joice at the termination of a foot pursuit when the suspect drew and pointed a pistol at Deputy Hager.

At approximately 1950 hours, the Antelope Valley Station desk received several calls of a "Man With a Gun-Shots Fired" in the 45100 block of Beech Avenue. Deputy Murren was assigned to handle the call and Deputies Hager and Geiger, both in one man cars, responded to assist him.

The deputies checked the area and were told by citizens that three young Black men, one armed with a handgun, were last seen walking southbound on Cedar Avenue. They drove southbound on Cedar to Milling Street where they saw the three males walking southbound on Beech Avenue, the next street east, of Cedar Avenue.

The three patrol cars converged on the three males in a laundry parking lot on the southwest corner of Beech and Milling Streets. When Suspect [redacted] saw the deputies he ran southbound through the lot and then westbound along an adjacent building to the alley that runs west of and parallel to Beech Avenue.

Deputy Hager pursued the suspect on foot while Deputy Geiger drove southbound through the alley to cut the suspect off. The suspect's two companions were detained in the parking lot without incident by Deputy Murren.

Suspect [redacted] continued running southbound through the alley eastbound between two vacant houses and then climbed two fences. He was running westbound through a vacant lot when Deputy Geiger attempted, unsuccessfully, to head him off with his patrol car.

Deputy Hager was following only several feet behind the suspect, shouting for him to stop, and noted that the suspect's right hand remained clutched at his waistband as he ran. He also noted that the suspect reached towards two trash containers as he ran, as if attempting to dispose of something.

Suspect [redacted] turned southbound into the alley again, but stumbled as he ran around a parked pick up truck. He landed on his right side and as he turned onto his back, he produced a pistol and pointed it directly at Deputy Hager. Deputy Hager shouted for Suspect [redacted] to drop the pistol and believing that he was about to be shot, fired at him as he ran backwards towards the cover of a building across the alley.

Deputy Geiger had driven back into the alley and saw Suspect [redacted] pointing the pistol at Deputy Hager. He believed that Hager was

about to be shot and he fired at the suspect while stepping out of his still moving patrol car.

The wounded suspect kept ignoring repeated orders to drop the pistol and Deputy Hager subsequently kicked it out of his right hand.

Suspect [redacted] sustained multiple gunshot wounds and was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene by attending paramedics at approximately 2015 hours, 08-18-93.

Investigators were also told that the two companions of the suspect were being detained for further questioning at the Antelope Valley Sheriff's Station.

Several other witnesses were said to have been contacted in and around the scene for potential witness information. Three of these individuals including Victim [redacted] were reportedly inside the residence at [redacted] which was immediately adjacent to the white pick up truck and the deceased suspect in the alley. Deputy Ruble released to Investigators two expended bullet fragments (Evidence Item #27) which he stated he personally retrieved from Victim [redacted] as evidence of bullets which travelled through the exterior wall of his residence, one of which struck him in the left side injuring him.

Both these fragments were subsequently included with the additional crime scene evidence collected and submitted under receipt #H527470 for further examination by firearm examiners. All remaining actions, observations, and witness information obtained by deputy personnel will be contained in respective reports prepared by the various deputies and all their reports will be included in this file.

After familiarizing themselves with the crime scene, Investigators released the crime scene to assisting Homicide Investigators, Bill Neumann and Frank Gonzales, who were assigned to conduct a detailed examination of the crime scene. Refer to their Supplemental Report which will be made a permanent part of this file.

Also arriving at the scene to assist were Deputy N. Abbaniti and Specialist Susan Yount of the Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau; Investigator L. Aranda and Assistant Cublerson of the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office; Sergeants Tom Martin and Stacey West from the Sheriff's Department, P.S.T. Division; Sergeant R. Westphal of the Sheriff's Training Bureau; and Deputy District Attorney Susan Steinfeld and District Attorney Investigator [redacted], all of whom were briefed of the facts involved in this investigation.

Following the above activities and while at the crime scene Investigators contacted Victim [redacted] MW/42, DOB: [redacted], California Driver's License #[redacted] at [redacted], [redacted]. , Mr. [redacted] indicated he was visiting friends at this location and that he was actually a transient living in a tent at the junction of the Angeles Forest Highway and Sierra Highway in Acton. He stated however, that he would be available through contact with the resident of this location, Mr. [redacted], at [redacted].

In reference to this investigation, Victim [redacted] agreed to a tape recorded interview stating in substance that he was inside of [redacted] residence in the living room watching television while sitting on a bar stool adjacent to the west wall when he heard gunfire coming from the alley. He estimated hearing about 9 to 10 gunshots which were in rapid succession and immediately noticed some particle board and paneling debris blowing through the wall to his left rear side. He then turned and observed more debris entering through the wall and felt something hit his left side near his rib cage. He stated he felt pain and thought he had been shot and fell to the floor crawling around the bar counter for cover. He claimed not to hear any conversation before or after the gunshots from the alley.

He recalled that Mr. [redacted] was in the living room and that [redacted] was in the kitchen at the time. After the shooting subsided he stated he was contacted by uniformed deputies and paramedics who examined him and he found two expended projectiles on the floor. The smaller projectile was found below the lowest bullet hole in the wall just inside the bar area near his bar stool. The larger projectile was found on the floor across from the bar counter. Mr. [redacted] stated he subsequently released the two fragments to a uniformed patrol deputy after being examined by paramedics and declining medical treatment claiming his injury was not serious.

Investigators subsequently examined and photographed Victim [redacted]'s injury noticing it to be a small skin abrasion/bruise which did not break the skin on his left rib cage area. No other injuries were claimed by Mr. [redacted] and he again declined any further medical attention. Nothing further of relevance was related by Mr. [redacted] at this time.

Investigators next contacted Witness [redacted] MW/42, DOB: [redacted] of [redacted], [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] reiterated Victim [redacted]'s information and agreed also to a tape recorded interview stating he was standing in the living room and his girlfriend, [redacted], was in the kitchen when he heard several shots. He saw Victim [redacted] on the floor stating he had been shot. Mr. [redacted] then immediately

ran to the south window on the west wall facing the alley and observed two deputies with weapons drawn yelling at someone to get his hands off the tire of the white pick up truck parked adjacent to his resiuence. He stated he could see a portion of the individual on the ground with his hands around the right front tire area of the pick up truck. He, however, was unable to see whether or not this individual had anything in his hands. Nothing further of relevance was related by Mr. [redacted].

Investigators next interviewed [redacted] FW/32, DOB: [redacted], who related she was the live-in [redacted] of Mr. [redacted]. Ms. [redacted]' interview was also tape recorded. She stated she was in the kitchen facing the alley when she heard a lot of shots and someone yell, words to the effect of "get out of the alley, he got's a gun." She stated she did not make any personal observations of the activity in the alley. She did, however, confirm the white Nissan pick up truck parked in the alley belonged to her. Nothing further of relevance was related by this witness at this time.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 0215 hours, Investigators next interviewed Witness [redacted] MW/32, DOB: [redacted] residing at [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] related in substance that he was in his bedroom at approximately 8:10 p.m. on 08-18-93 reading a book when he heard tires squealing and shouting. He stated he looked out his north upstairs bedroom window looking directly down and east towards the alley observing a police car in the alley and also a uniformed deputy chasing a male Black individual. He heard this uniformed deputy yelling "drop it, I don't want to shoot you". He stated he observed the male Black individual running towards a white pick up truck parked in the alley and as he reached the passenger side of the vehicle he stumbled near the right front wheel of the truck.

He stated the officer was chasing approximately 20 feet behind this individual and was yelling, "get your hands out in the open, I don't want to shoot you." He recalled the officer yelling these commands several times and also ordering him to "drop the weapon". Mr. [redacted] stated he couldn't actuallly see if the suspect had a weapon in his hands or not but noticed that his right hand was near the right front tire while the deputy was yelling some of his commands. Simultaneous with this activity he observed the deputy firing his weapon several times towards the suspect.

Immediately after the shots, the deputy moved to a position directly beneath his bedroom window and he could see that the deputy appeared to be breathing hard. He next noticed the deputy walk towards the suspect and either kick or knock away what could have been a gun from the suspect to make sure that he was no further threat. Mr. [redacted] also recalled observing a black and white police unit by the wall to the north of his bedroom window in the

alley, but could not recall the actions of any additional deputies.

In closing Mr. [redacted] commented that he felt the deputy was just "doing his job". He also indicated he had intentions of moving residence in the near future but would be available for further contact through his father, Mr. [redacted], residing at [redacted], [redacted], [redacted]. For a complete account of Witness [redacted]'s information refer to a transcribed copy of his taped interview.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 0415 hours, Investigators next interviewed Witness [redacted] MB/19, DOB: [redacted], [redacted], #[redacted], [redacted] (upstairs) [redacted]. [redacted] identified himself as an admitted Compton Crip gang member and a close friend to both the suspect and the suspect's [redacted]. In reference to this investigation [redacted] related that he, [redacted], and the suspect were "kicking it" at some friend's apartment on Beech Avenue for about 30 minutes when he heard some talking in the alley. He stated he then went alone towards the back alley area and observed a person he recognized as "[redacted]" looking around the corner of a carport or garage building directly at him and point a handgun towards him.

[redacted] stated he also observed another individual known to him as "[redacted]" momentarily look around the corner behind "[redacted]". He recognized both of these individuals as Compton Avenue Crip gang members. Upon seeing the weapon, [redacted] stated he immediately ran back towards the front of the apartments yelling for [redacted] and [redacted] to run. They all then ran southbound on Beech Avenue from the residence to escape the threat of being shot. He stated as he was running he heard several gunshots and he fell to the ground at which time he heard someone behind him say "I got one". He then heard a car door shut and a vehicle speeding away and was able to momentarily observe a black station wagon which he recognized belonging to another gang member known to him as "[redacted]".

[redacted] continued, after the vehicle past, he got up and ran southbound on Beech Avenue where he again meet/encountered both [redacted] and [redacted]. He stated they all proceeded walking together southbound on Beech to Cedar Avenue where they ran into the police cars. He recalled as they observed the police they kept walking while the police cars drove up next to them and ordered them to get down. He stated [redacted] immediately ran and a deputy chased him on foot with another deputy in a patrol car chasing after both of them. He speculated that [redacted] ran from the deputies because he had outstanding warrants and he had cut off his home arrest detention bracelet from his ankle. [redacted] stated he and [redacted] were detained on the ground by a deputy and within a short period of time while being detained he heard numerous gunshots coming from the alley in the direction of where the suspect was being chased.

He stated neither he nor [redacted] were able to see the shooting incident.

Upon inquiry [redacted] denied that he knew or observed the suspect to be in possesion of a gun during the evening. He also denied that either he or [redacted] had been in possesion of any weapons. However, he did admit seeing the suspect displaying a loaded small dark automatic .380 caliber handguna few days before while the suspect was visiting him at his house.

In closing [redacted] described the individual known as "[redacted]" to have the first name as [redacted], a male Black in his 20's and described the male referred to as "[redacted]" as a tall male Black with long hair tied in a pony tail. He also described [redacted] black station wagon to be either a Ford or Mercury vehicle with a wide gray stripe at the bottom of the vehicle. A complete account of Witness [redacted]'s information will be contained in a transcript of his taped interview.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 0600 hours, Investigators interviewed [redacted] MB/17, DOB:[redacted], listing his old address of two days past as [redacted], [redacted] and his current address as [redacted], Unit #[redacted], [redacted], [redacted]. [redacted] admitted being a Compton Avenue Crip Gang member and stated he was on current probation for armed robbery. He also indicated he was a very close friend to Witness [redacted] and a [redacted] of Suspect [redacted].

In reference to this investigation [redacted] related that he, [redacted] and the suspect had been visiting some friends ([redacted], [redacted], and their [redacted]) at some apartments on Beech Avenue and had been there for approximately 30 minutes when [redacted] for an unknonw reason walked back towards the alley of the location. Almost immediately, [redacted] came running back towards the front telling everyone to run. He stated because of [redacted]'s excited state, everyone ran from the location and he almost immediately heard some gunshots. He stated as they were running [redacted] fell near a wall and he stopped to help [redacted] who said he saw "[redacted]" and [redacted] and that they almost shot him. [redacted] stated he also heard someone state "I got one" but did not see who made that statement. [redacted] also told him that he saw "[redacted]s" car leaving the area.

[redacted] continued that he, [redacted], and his [redacted] [redacted] then continued walking on Beech Avenue towards his [redacted]'s house when they were stopped by police ordering them to get down. He stated both he and [redacted] complied however, his [redacted] [redacted] immediately ran from the deputies. He stated he didn't know exactly why his [redacted] ran but speculated it was because of outstanding warrants. [redacted] stated that while being detained he next heard gunshots coming from the alley around the corner but could not see the activity involving the shooting.

Upon inquiry, Witness [redacted] denied knowledge of the suspect having a gun in his possession and further denied that either he or [redacted] had one throughout the evening. He did acknowledge knowing the persons referred to as '[redacted]' as a Rolling 60's Crip gang member; '[redacted]' as a Compton Crip; and [redacted] as Trey 5-7 gang member.

In closing, Investigators advised Witness [redacted] that deputies had found a paraphernalia smoking pipe with residue in his pants pocket while being patted down for weapons. [redacted] readily admitted knowing he had it in his possession and claimed he occasionally smokes marijuana. A complete account of Witness [redacted]'s information will be contained in a transcribed copy of his taped interview.

Note is made that just prior to conducting the interview of Witness [redacted], Investigators were contacted by Deputy Richard Staidle, #[redacted], advising he had been detailed to watch both Witnesses [redacted] and [redacted] relieving another deputy going off shift. He stated as normal procedure he patted down both of these witnesses and found a paraphernalia smoking pipe (Evidence Held Item #34) in Witness [redacted]'s rear pants pocket. A copy of Deputy Staidle's actions and observations will be contained in a supplemental report which made a permanent part of this file.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 0700 hours, Investigators interviewed Deputy **JAMES CLAYTON MURREN JR.** MW/[redacted], #[redacted]. Deputy Murren stated he began his shift on 08-18-93 at approximately [redacted] hours with an explorer scout ([redacted]) as Unit #111-K PM shift. He stated both he and [redacted] were in full departmental uniform and in a Sheriff's Department black and white patrol car.

In reference to this investigation Deputy Murren related that at approximately 1959 hours, 08-18-93, he received the assignment to handle a shots fired call (Tag #559) on Beech Avenue south of Avenue "I". The call included information that a possible suspect was on a bike who had fired five shots. Deputy Murren stated he immediately proceeded towards that location approximately one half mile away with two assisting Units, #111-F (Deputy Hager) and Unit #111-B (Deputy Geiger) headed in the same direction to assist. He stated as he arrived in the area of the call he received a verbal update from the dispatcher that three male Blacks were now at the intersection of Cedar and Lancaster Boulevard. He then proceeded to that location with the other units following.

While proceeding to the location he stated he observed three male Blacks near Milling Avenue and Beech Avenue. He stated he made a left turn towards the individuals and observed the three males entering the parking lot of "Geroge's Cleaners". He recalled Deputy Hager pulling into the parking lot on one side of the individuals while he drove abreast of the individuals on the other

side. Simultaneous with this action, the three males began running. Two of them ran in his general direction and the third ran through the parking lot of the cleaners.

During this activity he immediately ordered them to all to stop and get down to the ground to which the two individuals running in his general direction immeidately complied. The third male continued running towards the alley with Deputy Hager in foot pursuit of this individual. He also noticed Deputy Geiger reversing the direction of his police unit and backing down the street northbound in the general direction of the foot pursuit so as to assist Deputy Hager. He also recalled explorer [redacted] had exited the vehicle and was standing by the passenger door.

Deputy Murren next observed Deputy Hager's patrol unit, idling and rolling back in his direction causing him to have to jump into the vehicle and stop it, during which time he heard shots being fired from the direction of the alley, south of his position. He was unable to be see the shooting incident as there was obstructions and buildings in the line of view. Immeidately after the shots he patted down the two individuals he was detaining for weapons and then moved to a point where he could observe both these individuals and the alley. At this time he could only discern two deputies standing in the alley and within moments assisting Deputy Carter arrived and took control of the two witnesses.

Deputy Murren stated he then ran down the alley to the deputies positions and observed Deputy Hager approximately 15 to 20 feet from the suspect and Deputy Geiger also standing a few feet away from the suspect. He was able to see the suspect lying on the ground next to a white pick up truck and observed a small handgun next to the suspect's right hand on the ground. He stated as he initially approached, Deputy Hager readily stated to him, "he turned and pointed a gun at me".

Deputy Murren stated he then took control of the crime scene coordinating assisting units and paramedics who arrived on the scene. The nearby surrounding area was also canvassed for potential witnesses. Deputy Murren stated he later prepared a written report of his actions and observations. For a complete account of his information to Investigators refer to a transcribed copy of his taped interview which will be made a permanent part of this file.

Investigators next interviewed, [redacted] MW/20, an explorer scout assigned to the Antelope Valley Sheriff Sub Station. Witness [redacted] related he was assigned to explorer post #523 for approximately one year and was assigned on 08-18-93 to ride as a passenger in full sheriff's departmental uniform with Deputy Murren in Unit #111-K PM shift.

In reference to this investigation he recalled receiving a shots fired call via the radio dispatcher stating the suspect was riding a bicycle. He stated Deputy Murren acknowledged the call and while responding towards the assignment received anotner verbal update that three male Blacks were now walking in the vicinity of Cedar and Milling Avenues. He stated as they arrived in that area he observed three male Blacks walking on Beech Avenue at which time Deputy Hager pulled the radio car into the parking lot of George's Cleaners. He stated two of these male Blacks individuals were walking towards their unit but that a third individual ran. He recalled Deputy Murren ordering everybody to stop and get down on the ground causing two of the individuals to immediately comply. The third individual did not comply but he ran towards an alley with Deputy Hager chasing him on foot. He stated that Deputy Geiger, in a separate patrol car, backed his vehicle into the alley to assist Deputy Hager and drove out of sight.

Explorer [redacted] stated he next assisted Deputy Murren in detaining the two individuals on the ground and during this time heard numerous gunshots being fired in rapid succession which sounded like they came from the alley south of their position. Nothing further of relevance was related by Mr. [redacted]. A complete account of his information will be a contained in a transcribed copy of his taped interview.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 1035 hours, Investigators next interviewed, **DEPUTY MARK DWAYNE GEIGER MW/**[redacted], #[redacted]. At the time of this interview Deputy Geiger was observed to be attired in his full departmental patrol uniform equipped with Sam brown leather gear and 9mm Beretta service weapon, Serial #BER[redacted]Z. Examination of his weapon revealed it to be loaded with one round in the chamber and 12 live rounds of departmentally issued ammunition in its magazine. Deputy Geiger stated he began his shift with the weapon fully loaded with 16 live rounds, one of which was in its chamber. His weapon was retrieved and later submitted to the Sheriff's Firearms Section for further examination under Receipt #H576988.

In reference to this investigation, Deputy Geiger's interview was tape recorded and a transcript will be prepared, submitted and made a permanent part of this file.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 1135 hours, Investigators interviewed **DEPUTY DARREN KEITH HAGER MW/**[redacted], #[redacted]. At the time of this interview Deputy Hager was observed to be clad in the full Class A departmental uniform equipped with Sam brown leather gear and his departmentally issued 9mm Beretta, Serial ABER[redacted]Z. Examination of his weapon revealed it to be loaded with 16 live rounds of departmental issued ammo one of which was in it's chamber. His weapon was also subsequently retrieved and submitted to

the Sheriff's Firearms Section for further examination under Receipt #H576988.

In reference to this investigation, Deputy Hager's interview was tape recorded and a transcript will be prepared, submitted, and made a permanent part of this file.

On 08-19-93 at approximately 1415 hours, Investigators next interviewed [redacted] aka: "[redacted] and "[redacted]", MB/22, DOB: [redacted], who was in custody on an unrelated charge under Booking #[redacted], at the Antelope Valley Sheriff's Sub Station. [redacted] readily admitted his association with the Pomona Crip Trey 5 7 street gang and that he was commonly known as "[redacted]". In reference to this investigation he denied having any involvement or knowledge of the incident. He did admit to being present with an associate ([redacted]) known to him by the street moniker "[redacted]" in the evening hours of 08-18-93 at/or around 45113 Beech Avenue. He claimed he did not commit any crimes while at that location and was there to pick up some clothes.

He admitted observing three or four people near the location and recognized one known to him as "[redacted]" or "[redacted]", a male Black 18 or 19 years old, who is a Crip Gang member in the company of two or three other individuals. He stated he and "[redacted]" were near the alley at that location when he first observed the individual known to him as [redacted] or [redacted]. He stated for some unknown reason after briefly observing him, this individual ran from them southbound on Beech Avenue. He claimed he along with [redacted]" also ran in the alley for fear of something happening and later he again saw [redacted] or [redacted] with a couple of individuals on Beech Avenue. He recalled that while running from the location he and [redacted] were actually behind the other individuals running in the same direction but on the opposite side of the street or alley.

During their flight from the initial location he stated he heard three or four gunshots coming from behind him but did not see who was shooting. He stated within two to five minutes after the shots an associate known as "[redacted]" picked them up in his black station wagon vehicle and drove them away. He stated prior to being dropped off by "[redacted]", he noticed a portion of a gun in Ice's waistband while in the vehicle. [redacted] denied having handled or fired a weapon during this incident but did admit to having fired a .22 caliber handgun between 4 and 5 p.m. earlier in the day. He also denied taking part in or witnessing any shots fired at the individual named [redacted] or [redacted] or anybody else.

Upon inquiry, he admitted knowing personally both the suspects, [redacted] and his [redacted]. He stated he knew they both had a .380 caliber black automatic handgun because he last saw Suspect [redacted] displaying the gun on Tuesday evening. A complete

account of [redacted]' information will be contained in a transcribed copy of his taped interview.

At approximately 1500 hours, 08-19-93, Investigators next interviewed [redacted] MB/18, of [redacted], [redacted], who was in custody at the Antelope Valley Sheriff's Sub Station for an unrelated case, under Booking #3652378. [redacted] readily admitted association with the Compton Avenue Crip street gang and denied having any guilt or fault in any shooting incident on Beach Avenue. In relationship to this investigation he admitted being on Beech Avenue with an associate known to him as "[redacted]" at approximately 8 p.m. to 8:30 when he heard seven or eight shots. He said he ran from the location and while running observed Suspect [redacted] also running with his [redacted] on Beech Avenue. He denied having possession of any handgun or shooting at anyone and was hesitant in giving any further information.

A complete account of his interview will be contained in a transcript of his tape recorded statement.

On 08-19-93 while at the Antelope Valley Sheriff's Sub Station, Investigators became aware that a citizen (Mr. [redacted]) of [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] had telephonically contacted the station advising he had found an expended casing on the ground in the driveway behind his residence. Thereafter, Investigators caused Patrol Deputy Jeff Adam's #[redacted], Unit #111-K, day shift, to contact Mr. [redacted] and retrieve the item.

Mr. [redacted] reportedly pointed out to Deputy Adams the position where the expended casing was discovered and it was noted to be in the alley to the rear of his apartment building near where the initial reports of shots fired calls were reported. The expended 32 caliber casing (Evidence Held Item #28) was subsequently submitted for further examination under Receipt #H576989.

On 08-20-93 at approximately 10 a.m. a post mortem examination was conducted of Suspect [redacted] by Dr. Reedy of the Los Angeles County Medical Coroner's Office, under Coroner's Case #93-07755. At the conclusion of her examination, Dr. Reedy ascribed the cause of death as multiple gunshot wounds to the body and five expended projectiles were retrieved from the suspect's remains during the autopsy examination. These expended projectiles (Evidence Held Items #29 through #33) were subsequently transported to the Sheriff's Firearm Section for further examination under Receipt #H576992. A complete copy of Dr. Reedy's findings will be prepared in a protocol which will be made a permanent part of this file.

On 08-23-93 at approximately 1230 hours, Investigators contacted Mr. [redacted] MW/37, [redacted], [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] identified himself as the male citizen who had flagged down a uniformed patrol deputy (Deputy Hager) informing him that he observed a male Black individual with a gun. Mr. [redacted] explained he was visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] at [redacted], [redacted] and he was in the process of leaving there residence, at approximately 8:10 p.m. hours, 08-18-93. He stated, as usual, he jumped over the four foot high block wall fence of their yard to go home. He stated prior to jumping the wall he observed a portion of a male Black individual on the other side but didn't think anything was out of the ordinary. He stated when he landed on the other side of the wall he was within 10 feet of this male Black individual and observed him holding a handgun which appeared to be a dark small caliber automatic in one of his hands. He stated the individual was holding the weapon down below his waist and stated "oh shit" in an excited manner.

He recalled the individual was looking down the fence line towards Cedar Avenue in a westerly direction. Mr. [redacted] stated due to fear and his observations, he immediately jumped back over the fence noticing the male beginning to disappear in an eastbound direction. He stated he didn't make any further observations of this individual and he ran into the [redacted]' residence advising them to call 911 and tell the police of his observation. Mr. [redacted] couldn't provide a detailed description of the individual explaining he didn't pay particular attention to him as he was focusing on the gun instead. He only recalled the male Black to be a young Black adult with a light complexion and it was uncertain if he could identify this individual if seen again.

He was also told by Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] that they had seen three Black male individuals just prior to his observation. He later learned that both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] were subsequently contacted by patrol deputies for their information. Refer to Supplemental Report under this file number, dated 08-19-93, by Deputy Michael Dorner, #[redacted].

On 08-24-93, Investigators learned from the Sheriff's Firearm Section Deputy Whitmarsh that the suspect's .380 caliber weapon (Evidence #24) was examined and found to be in operatable condition.

On 08-30-93, telephone information was received from the Coroner's Laboratory Section indicating that both the suspect's hands tested positive for gunshot residue. Toxilogical results also indicated PCP was found in his system. A complete copy of their findings will be contained in the protocol report of his autopsy examination.

This investigation is continuing with further reports to follow.

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